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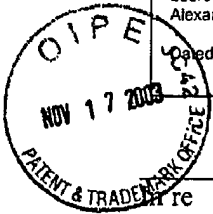
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Darji et al.,

Application No.: 09/419,545

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: October 18, 1999

Examiner: S. Devi

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 13, 2003

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In a final Office Action (the "Action") mailed August 13, 2003, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, claims 1-4, 7, 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time is filed herewith to extend pendency of this application to December 13, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or additional fees required in connection with this application to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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